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In re patent application of: ) Attorney Docket No.: F-424  
 ) Customer No.: 00919  
 William E. Ryan, et al. )  
 ) Examiner: Krisanne Marie Jastrzab  
 Serial No.: 10/036,991 ) Group Art Unit: 1744  
 Filed: December 31, 2001 )  
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Title: SYSTEM FOR SANITIZING INCOMING MAIL

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Application No.: 10/036,991

Filed: December 31, 2001

For: SYSTEM FOR SANATIZING INCOMING MAIL

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